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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 503** - Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 43 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut.

Dear Attorneys Ball and Pires:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than June 28, 2021.

Please submit an original and 15 copies to the Council's office and an electronic copy to siting.council@ct.gov. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Council requests all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Please be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council's office on or before the June 28, 2021 deadline.

Copies of your responses are required to be provided to all parties and intervenors listed in the service list, which can be found on the Council's website under the "Pending Matters" link.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

MB/MP

c: Service List dated June 3, 2021

Docket No. 503 ARX Wireless Infrastructure, LLC Pre-Hearing Interrogatories June 7, 2021

General

- 1. Referencing page 7 and Attachment D of Arx Wireless Infrastructure, LLC's (ARX) Application, of the letters sent to abutting property owners, how many certified mail receipts were received? If any receipts were not returned, which owners did not receive their notice? Were any additional attempts made to contact those property owners?
- 2. Referencing pages 6-7 and Exhibit C of ARX's Application, notice of the Applicant's intent to file this Application was published on two occasions in the New Britain Herald on May 12, 2021 and May 13, 2021. Provide affidavit of publication.
- 3. Referencing page 32 of the Application, how is the construction cost of the facility recovered by ARX?
- 4. Referencing Exhibit O of the Application, please submit a copy of the unredacted Land Lease Agreement.

Site Search

- 5. Approximately when was the search ring established for the proposed facility?
- 6. Identify the approximate center and radius of the site search area.

Site/tower

- 7. How many residences are located within a 1,000-foot radius of the proposed site?
- 8. What is the distance and direction from the proposed tower to the nearest residence?
- 9. Provide the approximate widths of the tower at the base and at the top.
- 10. Provide the distance from the center of the tower to the nearest property line. If this distance is less than 104 feet, could the tower be designed with a yield point to ensure that the tower setback radius remains within the boundaries of the subject property? What would be the cost of installing such yield point?
- 11. Would the tower have a galvanized gray finish or a different color/finish?
- 12. Would the tower be designed for EIA/TIA-222 structural standards version G, H, or both?
- 13. Would the tower and foundation be designed to accommodate an extension in tower height? If yes, for how many feet taller in height?

- 14. Quantify the amounts of cut and fill that would be required to develop the proposed facility.
- 15. Would any blasting be required to develop the site?
- 16. Referencing Attachment I of the Application, NEPA Compliance Review, page 3, ARX notes that the fenced compound would have a gravel base. Provide the approximate depth of the gravel base in inches. How was the gravel depth determined? Is it based on a code requirement, drainage design, geotechnical conditions, etc.? Explain.
- 17. What measures are proposed for the site to ensure security and deter vandalism? (Including alarms, gates, locks, anti-climb fence design, etc.)
- 18. Referencing Attachment G of the Application, Sheet TR-2, would the proposed fence be chain link? How tall would the fence be?
- 19. Pursuant to CGS §16-50p(a)(3)(G), identify the safety standards and/or codes by which equipment machinery or technology that would be used or operated at the proposed facility.
- 20. Have any wireless carriers (other than AT&T) expressed an interest in co-locating on the proposed facility to date?
- 21. Has the host municipality expressed an interest in co-locating emergency services antennas?
- 22. Does the proposed site contain any Connecticut Prime Farmland Soils? If so, what acreage of Prime Farmland Soils would the facility (including the access drive) be located on? What is the total acreage of Prime Farmland Soils on the subject property?

Environment

- 23. What, if any, stealth tower design options would be feasible to employ at this site? Please provide costs related to each stealth tower design.
- 24. Referencing Attachment H of the Application, Visual Assessment, Table 1, pages 6 and 7, please revise Table 1 to include a column that estimates how much of the tower is visible in each photograph (in feet).
- 25. Were any stormwater drainage-related calculations or analysis performed? Provide such calculations or analysis.
- 26. Would the proposed facility comply with Department of Energy and Environmental Protection noise control standards at the property boundaries?
- 27. Please submit photographic site documentation with notations linked to the site plans or a detailed aerial image that identify locations of site-specific and representative site features. The submission should include photographs of the site from public road(s) or publicly accessible area(s) as well as Site-specific locations depicting site features including, but not necessarily limited to, the following locations as applicable:

For each photo, please indicate the photo viewpoint direction and stake or flag the locations of site-specific and representative site features. Site-specific and representative site features include, but are not limited to, as applicable:

- 1. wetlands, watercourses and vernal pools;
- 2. forest/forest edge areas;
- 3. agricultural soil areas;
- 4. sloping terrain;
- 5. proposed stormwater control features;
- 6. nearest residences;
- 7. Site access and interior access road(s);
- 8. utility pads/electrical interconnection(s);
- 9. clearing limits/property lines;
- 10. mitigation areas; and
- 11. any other noteworthy features relative to the Project.

A photolog graphic must accompany the submission, using a site plan or a detailed aerial image, depicting each numbered photograph for reference. For each photo, indicate the photo location number and viewpoint direction, and clearly identify the locations of site-specific and representative site features shown (e.g., physical staking/flagging or other means of marking the subject area).

The submission shall be delivered electronically in a legible portable document format (PDF) with a maximum file size of <20MB. If necessary, multiple files may be submitted and clearly marked in terms of sequence.